

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Amended) A ventilated bedpan assembly, comprising:

a ~~toilet pan shaped~~ receptacle having a configuration defined by a flat bottom wall, generally upright side walls, and a top surface having an opening therethrough adapted to receive human waste materials, said side surfaces including at least one venting port, said receptacle being configured for placement in an appropriate position under a prone patient by a caregiver;

a ventilation unit constructed and arranged for detachable connection to said toilet receptacle, said ventilation unit comprising:

a plenum chamber disposed in a housing securable to said receptacle in airflow communication with said at least one venting port, said plenum chamber having at least one intake port and an outlet port;

an ozonation means in airflow communication with said plenum chamber;

air flow means in said housing situated in air flow communication with said plenum chamber to induce air flow through said outlet port;

and electrical power supply means in operative communication with said ozonation

means and said air flow means;

whereby actuation of said ventilation unit causes noxious gases to be withdrawn through said venting port for deodorization prior to traversing said outlet port.

2. (Amended) The ventilated bed pan of claim 1, further comprising an actuator for operating said ~~to said~~ electrical power supply means.

3. (Amended) The ventilated bedpan of claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein said actuator is a manually operated on/off switch in electric communication with said electrical power supply means.

4. (Amended) The ventilated bedpan of claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein said actuator is a pressure sensor disposed in said top surface whereby said electrical power supply means is actuated by pressure exerted on said top surface or a proximity switch actuated by proximity of a user thereto.

5. (Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 1, wherein said electrical power supply means is a battery, and said ventilation unit further comprises a battery housing.

6. (Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 1, wherein said electrical power supply means is an A/C power connection.
7. (Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 1, wherein said ozonation means is a UV light fixture.
8. (Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 1, wherein said ventilation unit is disposed in a housing having opposing openings therein to facilitate air flow through said housing, and said bedpan and said housing respectively include mated attachment means whereby said housing and said bedpan can be selectively attached to one another.
9. (Amended) A ventilated bedpan assembly, comprising:
 - a ~~toilet pan shaped~~ receptacle having a bottom wall, generally upright side walls, and a top surface having an opening therethrough adapted to receive human waste materials, said side surfaces including a venting port, said bedpan being configured for placement in an appropriate position under a prone patient by a caregiver;
 - a ventilation unit disposed in a housing having opposing openings therein to facilitate air flow through said housing, said ventilation unit comprising:
 - a plenum chamber in airflow communication with said venting port, said plenum

chamber having an intake port and an outlet port;

a UV light capable or producing ozone is ~~an ozonation means~~ disposed in said plenum chamber;

a fan disposed in said plenum chamber configured to induce airflow through said outlet port;

an electrical power supply means in electric communication with said ozonation means and said fan;

and a flexible hose having a first end peripherally attached to said venting port of said bedpan and a second end peripherally attached to an intake port in said plenum chamber;

whereby actuation of said ventilation unit causes noxious gases to be withdrawn through said venting port for deodorization prior to traversing said outlet port. [[.]]

10. (Original) The ventilated bedpan assembly of claim 9, wherein said venting port is circumscribed by a cylindrical mounting flange portion contiguous thereto and extending outwardly from said bedpan, wherein said flange is adapted to slidingly receive said first end of said hose.

11. (Original) The ventilated bedpan assembly of claim 10, wherein said cylindrical

mounting flange includes a spring-biased tab, and said first end of said hose include a cooperating aperture adapted to engage with said spring-biased tab.

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